

II. Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 116-132 are pending. Claim 126 is independent.

Claims 1-4, 49, 50, 58, 77-79, 91 and 103 have been cancelled in this Amendment and Reply, such that claims 1-115 are now cancelled without prejudice to the Applicants' ability to reintroduce the cancelled subject matter in this application or other applications. Claims 116-125 are currently amended.

Applicants have added new Claims 126-132 to afford themselves a scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. The new claims are fully supported in the specification and Drawings, and are believed to be allowable for the reasons to be developed below.

In order to expedite prosecution, the claims have been amended to focus on the inspection lamp aspects of the application. The Applicants request that the Examiner enter the amendments and consider the claims as amended.

As requested by the Examiner, the dependency of Claims 116-125 has been corrected. The claims now depend directly or indirectly from claim 126. A few extraneous

commas have also been deleted for consistency in format between claims.

The Applicants have considered the substantive comments made by the Examiner in the Office Action. The Examiner's comments with regard to claims 1-4, 49, 50, 77-79, 91 and 103 are rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims; however, the Applicants have considered the art cited by the Examiner and the Examiner's comments as the Examiner might consider the comments to apply to the remaining claims.

The Applicants believe in Item 7. (page 3) of the Office Action, the Examiner meant to refer to Sommers et al. (US 6,485,160 B1). Thus, the Applicants will proceed on that basis. Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, the Applicants have not found any indication of an offset of the LEDs from the optical center of the lenses in Sommers '160. Nor do the Applicants see any reference to collimation. We ask the Examiner to reconsider these comments before reiterating them with respect to any remaining claims in the application.

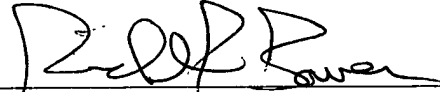
The Examiner indicates in the Office Action that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute Trigiani's lens with Sommers '160 lenses in

order to focus the light beams produced by the plurality of LEDs in a predetermined direction. The Applicants note that Trigiani uses a single lens in an inspection lamp that "... functions to block out undesirable wavelengths emitted from the LED and to transmit only the desired wavelengths." (col. 5, lines 17-19). Thus, even if a one-for-one switch of the Trigiani lens and Sommers lenses were possible or would produce the result suggest by the Examiner (which is not admitted), there would be no motivation to perform the replacement suggested by the Examiner. Such a replacement would negate the purpose of the Trigiani lens for inspection lamps.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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